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**REMARKS**

As claims 48 and 58 each depend from allowable independent claim 34, the Applicant respectfully request reinstatement and allowance of those dependent claims.

Claims 36 and 38 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Ansgar '318 in view of Heinzel '407. The Applicant acknowledges and respectfully traverses the raised obviousness rejection in view of the following remarks.

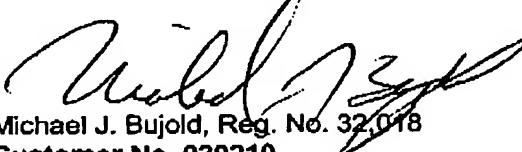
In view of the raised rejection, claims 36 and 38 and dependent claim 40 are canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, from this application. In view of such claim cancellation, the Applicant respectfully submits that further comments concerning the applied prior art of Ansgar '318 and/or Heinzel '407 is not believed necessary. The Applicant also notes the remaining prior art cited in the official action. As none of that additional art is applied by the Examiner against the claims of this application, the Applicant is not providing any comments concerning that art as well.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 34, 35, 37, 40-43 and 45-59 are allowed. In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the currently pending claims are now in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,



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